

House File 431 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a transportation aid supplement program
2 for certain school districts, making appropriations, and
3 including effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.16C Transportation aid
2 supplement program — repeal.

3 1. *a.* A transportation aid supplement program is
4 established to provide additional funding for school districts
5 in which the district transportation costs per pupil for the
6 budget year beginning July 1, 2013, exceeded the state average
7 transportation costs per pupil for the budget year beginning
8 July 1, 2013, as those amounts were determined for that budget
9 year under section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraph "c".

10 *b.* For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2015,
11 but before July 1, 2018, there is appropriated from the general
12 fund of the state to the department of management an amount
13 necessary to pay the transportation aid supplements calculated
14 under subsection 2.

15 2. *a.* For each school district that meets the requirements
16 of subsection 1, paragraph "a", the transportation aid
17 supplement amount shall be equal to the district's actual
18 enrollment used to calculate the district's average
19 transportation costs per pupil for the budget year beginning
20 July 1, 2013, under section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraph
21 "c", multiplied by the difference between the district's
22 average transportation costs per pupil and the state average
23 transportation costs per pupil, as those amounts were
24 determined for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, under
25 section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraph "c". However,
26 such resulting amount shall be reduced by the amount of
27 transportation assistance aid received by the district under
28 section 257.31, subsection 17, for the budget year in which the
29 district receives aid under this section.

30 *b.* (1) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2015, each
31 school district with average transportation costs per pupil
32 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, that exceeded six
33 hundred forty-two dollars shall receive a transportation aid
34 supplement.

35 (2) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2016, each school

1 district with average transportation costs per pupil for the
2 budget year beginning July 1, 2013, that exceeded five hundred
3 eighteen dollars but was less than six hundred forty-two
4 dollars shall receive a transportation aid supplement.

5 (3) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, each school
6 district with average transportation costs per pupil for the
7 budget year beginning July 1, 2013, that exceeded three hundred
8 eighteen dollars but was less than five hundred eighteen
9 dollars shall receive a transportation aid supplement.

10 3. Amounts received by a school district from a
11 transportation aid supplement shall be deposited in the
12 general fund of the school district and expended only for the
13 cost of repairing, maintaining, and fueling school district
14 transportation equipment and school buses, as defined in
15 section 321.1, subsection 69. Revenues received by a school
16 district under this section are miscellaneous income and shall
17 not be included in district cost.

18 4. Except for an adjustment in the amount of the
19 transportation aid supplement under subsection 2, paragraph
20 "a", participation in the transportation aid supplement
21 program under this section shall not affect a school district's
22 eligibility for transportation assistance under section 257.31,
23 subsection 17.

24 5. This section is repealed on July 1, 2018.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill establishes a transportation aid supplement
31 program to provide additional funding for school districts
32 in which the district transportation costs per pupil for the
33 budget year beginning July 1, 2013, exceeded the state average
34 transportation costs per pupil for the budget year beginning
35 July 1, 2013.

1 The bill appropriates an amount necessary from the
2 general fund of the state for each fiscal year beginning on
3 or after July 1, 2015, but before July 1, 2018, to pay the
4 transportation aid supplements authorized in the bill.

5 For each eligible school district, the transportation aid
6 supplement amount is equal to the district's actual enrollment
7 used to calculate the district's average transportation
8 costs per pupil for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013,
9 multiplied by the remainder of the district's average
10 transportation costs per pupil minus the state average
11 transportation costs per pupil, as those amounts were
12 determined for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013. The
13 bill provides for a reduction in such aid amounts if the
14 district receives transportation assistance aid from the school
15 budget review committee under Code section 257.31(17) for the
16 budget year in which the district receives the transportation
17 aid under the bill.

18 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2015,
19 each school district with average transportation costs per
20 pupil for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, that exceeded
21 \$642 shall receive a transportation aid supplement. For the
22 budget year beginning July 1, 2016, each school district with
23 average transportation costs per pupil for the budget year
24 beginning July 1, 2013, that exceeded \$518 but was less than
25 \$642 shall receive a transportation aid supplement. For the
26 budget year beginning July 1, 2017, each school district with
27 average transportation costs per pupil for the budget year
28 beginning July 1, 2013, that exceeded \$318 but was less than
29 \$518 shall receive a transportation aid supplement.

30 The bill requires amounts received from a transportation
31 aid supplement to be deposited in the general fund of the
32 school district and expended only for the cost of repairing,
33 maintaining, and fueling school district transportation
34 equipment and school buses. The bill specifies that revenues
35 received by a school district under the bill are miscellaneous

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1 income and shall not be included in district cost.

2 The bill includes a provision that repeals the
3 transportation aid supplement program on July 1, 2018.

4 The bill takes effect upon enactment.